

Dear Mr. Flynn,

In the DHEC 2008 Ambient Air Network Monitoring Plan which is out for comment, I noticed that monitoring for ozone at the Cowpens Station (45-021-0002) will be discontinued as of December 31, 2007. I hope you will reconsider this action. Continued operation of this station is very important to Cowpens National Battlefield and the National Park Service. The station has been in operation since 1988 and has provided important data for the NPS Air Quality Division. At the present time, Cowpens (along with other "big parks" - Rocky Mountain National Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, etc) is participating in a study to evaluate the Field Ozone Injury Assessment Handbook using the yellow crownbeard as a bioindicator. Cowpens was chosen to be a part of this study due to the presence of the Cowpens Station (including the almost 20 years of data obtained from this station).

I very much hope that you will reconsider closing this station. The presence of the station and the data gained from it are extremely important to Cowpens National Battlefield.

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